

Digital Archives Adds Adams County Naturalization Index

INDIANAPOLIS (May 3, 2012) – The Adams County recently became the 36th Indiana county to have its naturalization database added and made available on the Indiana Digital Archives. Fifteen books containing 1,625 entries spanning from 1854 to 1957 were indexed as a part of this project. Specific records indexed include: Declarations of Intention; Petitions for Naturalization; Final Oaths; and the Stubs of the Certificates of Naturalization.

The preponderance of the immigrants were of Swiss or German ancestry. Rita G. Burke, an Adams County native, completed the original indexing. Ms. Burke added extensive notes on many of the Swiss immigrant families. Mary Etta Boren and Charlie Hessler of Adams County edited the index.

Researchers can view all Indiana county naturalization databases along with indexes to many other popular Indiana State Archives collections can be viewed at indianadigitalarchives.org. The naturalization databases provide great insight into Hoosier immigration at the county level. Friends of the Indiana State Archives volunteers have been hard at work for nearly two decades creating indices for many of the state's records. From before statehood in 1816 and on through to its approaching bicentennial, Indiana has been home to thousands of settlers and immigrants. The Digital Archives enables Hoosiers and citizens worldwide to view the vast collection of historical and vital records housed at the State Archives.

About the Indiana Digital Archives

The [Indiana Digital Archives](http://indianadigitalarchives.org) is operated by the State Archives Division of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. The result of a cooperative partnership made possible by a grant from the Library of Congress and administered by the Washington State Archives, the Digital Archives has more than 2.8 million searchable records online. Other partners include the states of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, and Oregon. The Digital Archives was named a 2011 Best State Website by "Family Tree Magazine."

About the Indiana State Archives

The Indiana State Archives collects records of historical value from all branches of Indiana state and local government, including governmental history, census and naturalization records for families, selected medical, military and criminal records, records of land ownership, maps, blueprints and photographs. Visit the [Collections Page](#) for a detailed listing of these resources, including links to online exhibits and electronic indices of select records.